**“God of Mondays: Learning to Love Mondays” (Part 5 of 5)**

**April 5/6, 2025**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] Begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*. (Suggested icebreaker: Ask each person to share their “Hi and Lo” moments from the previous week.)

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]

**1 Corinthians 4 (NIV) –2Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 3I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; I do not even judge myself. 4My conscience is clear, but that does not make innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 (NLT) – 15See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.**

**16Always be joyful. 17Never stop praying. 18Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.**

Allow the group time to reflect on the passages. Ask the group: What verse stood out to them and why? What does the verse say? What does the verse mean?

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

This weekend, we concluded our series the God of Mondays by seeing how God uses our work

to shape our character.

1. How does God use your work to shape your character?
2. How can our work actually be used by God to highlight an idol in our lives?
3. Why is Character more important than Competency and Chemistry when forming a team, partnership, and hiring people?
4. Tom’s third sermon point is: We must be a trustworthy steward of resources and relationships at work. Do you find it easier to be a good steward of resources more than relationships? Please explain your answer. How can you be good steward of your relationships?
5. How does integrity, trustworthiness, or expressing gratitude be morale boosters for your co-workers, clients and partners?
6. If you are going to serve God and others, then it’s going to require work. If it requires work, you are going to run into thorns and thistles. But if you endure, you will indeed see positive fruit from your efforts. What promises of God can you stand on to be joyful, trustworthy, and a morale booster at work even when you run into thorns and thistles?
7. Would you be willing to go to work 5 minutes earlier to do a prayer walk in your work area?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins] Ask for personal prayer requests and pray for one another (if group is more than 6 people, pair up to ensure everyone is prayed for). Pray for and about your work. Pray for a co-worker that may need encouragement or going through a tough time.